Poisoning of Rivers by Faeces

2215. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether flush latrines are polluting and poisoning the rivers all the time, as reported in The Hindustan Times dated the 12th July, 1998;

(b) whether this system has been considered more lethal for life than nuclear bombs; and

(c) whether Government would consider alternate systems of faeces disposals in consultation with experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Improper excreta disposal is associated with well known health hazards including soil and water pollution. this pollution results in various diseases like typhoid, dysentries, diarrhoe, cholera, worm infestation, viral hepatitis etc., There are well established methods of excreta disposal which render the sewage harmless.

Opening of Government Hospital in Assam

2216. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government hospital opened in the country, particularly in Assam, during the Eighth Five Year Plan, location wise;

(b) the details of such hospital as are proposed to be opened in Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan, district-wise;

(c) the details of Government hospitals under construction at present, location-wise; and

(d) by when these hospitals are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) to (d) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution, State Governments frame their programmes for opening of hospitals and dispensaries in their State Keeping in view their priorities and availability of resource. However, as per information compiled by Directorate General of Health Services, as on 1.1. 1996, there are 1591 hospital in the country and 268 hospital in Assam.

Observance of World Mental Health Day

2217. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nation observed the World Mental Health Day on October 10, 1998;

(b) if so, the details of schemes and programmes, if any launched on that day for helping those suffering from mental impairment indicating Government's assessment about the number and percentage of population affected with mental health problems; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) to (b) Saveral organisations in different parts of the country as well as the professional body of psychiatrists observed World Mental Health Day on October 10, 1998. the theme for this year's Mental Health Day was "Human Right and Mental Health". About 1% of the population has been estimated to be suffering from various types of serious mental disorders in the country. The proportion of persons suffering from various minor mental illness, stress related and other

adjustment problems is estimated to be about 5% of the population.

(c) Action is being taken for detection, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with mental illnesses. the Central Government has taken up Pilot Projects under the District Mental Health Programme in 11 districts.

लोह टॉनिकों पर प्रतिबंध

2218. **श्री शिबू सोरेन:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 25 नवम्बर 1998 के दैनिक " जनसत्ता" में "लोहे के नाम पर धोखा" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि भारत में ऐसे हाई मेटेनिम्ज की बाढ़ आ गई है, जो स्वास्थ्य पर बुरा प्रभाव डालते है;

(ग) ऐसे लौह टॉनिकों के लिए दिए गए लाइसेंसों का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) इस संबंध में भारतीय चिकित्सा संघ का क्या मत है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार इन औषधियों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो कब तक तथा यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एजिलमलाई): (क) और (ख) जी हां। समाचार में बहुत सी कीमती और अयुक्तिसंगत आयरन टॉनिक मिश्रण भी शामिल हैं, की उपलब्धता और लोकप्रियता का उल्लेख है जबकि फेरस सल्फेट जैसे सामान्य सस्ते आयरन मिश्रणों से रक्ताल्पता की रोकथाम हो सकती है।

(ग), (ङ) और (च) औषधों के निर्माण के लिए लाइसेंस राज्य लाइसेंसिंग प्राधिकारियों द्वारा दिए जाते हैं और मिश्रणों की संख्या राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकृत लाइसेंसों की संख्या पर निर्भर करती है। आयरन टॉनिक मिश्रण हानिकारक नहीं हो सकते हैं। तथापि, आयरन टॉनिक के कुछ मिश्रणों, हीमोग्लोबिन वाले मिश्रणों को युक्तिसंगत बनाने की गुंजाइस है। यह कार्य औषध एवं प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम, 1940 के अन्तर्गत गठित विशेषज्ञ समितियों के माध्यम से किया जाता है।

(घ) भारतीय चिकित्सा संघ को ऐसे मामलों में आयरन टॉनिक के अनुचित नुस्खों से चिन्ता है जहां पर रक्ताल्पता का कारण आयरन की कमी का न होना है। इसके लिए रक्ताल्पता के लक्षणों के बारे में चिकित्सा व्यावसायियों को शिक्षित किए जाने की आवश्यकता है।

Rise in Diabetes Cases in India

2219. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman dated the 13th November, 1998 under the caption "Diabetes cases on the rise in India"; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to launch a Diabetes Control Campaign both to educate the people and to provide effective medical treatment to the diabetics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The launching of a pilot project for strengthening of laboratories for diabetes control is being worked out.

Maximum Period of Stay in CGHS Dispensary No. 73

2220. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that requirement of maximum period of stay is not being followed in case of CGHS Dispansary No. 73 Gurgaon and even if it is followed in any case, the man is re-posted within a very short span; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of persons working there beyond the prescribed limit, stating whether